

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute the attached replacement drawings for the original drawings in the application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1, 7, 14, 20-22, and 28 stand rejected on prior art grounds. Claims 2-6, 8-12, 15-19, and 23-27 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant hereby amends the specification to remove irrelevant language and is providing replacement drawing sheets. Additionally, claims 1-3, 7-9, 13-16, 20-23, and 28 are amended herein to place them into immediate condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections based on the following discussion.

I. The Prior Art Rejections

Claims 1, 7, 13, 14, 20-22 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Applicant's Admitted Prior Art, hereinafter referred to as "AAPA". The Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections based on the following discussion.

The Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 7, 14, and 20 to incorporate the limitations of the objected claims 2, 8, 15, 21, and 23, respectively, which the Office Action indicates includes allowable subject matter. Additionally, independent claims 13 and 28 are amended to include language pertaining to this same allowable subject matter. Claims 2, 8, 15, 21, and 23 are amended to include further features of the Applicant's invention pertaining to the self-controlling nature of the claimed technique as well as the correlation between the skipping parameter value and an adaptation parameter value. These features have full support in the specification as originally filed. Moreover, the Applicants note that all claims are properly

supported in the specification and accompanying drawings. In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections.

II. Formal Matters and Conclusion

With respect to the rejections to the claims, the claims have been amended, above, to overcome these rejections. In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections to the claims. Moreover, replacement drawings are being submitted concurrently herewith. Additionally, the specification is being amended.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant submits that claims 1-28, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary. Please charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Attorney's Deposit Account Number 09-0441.

Respectfully submitted,

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